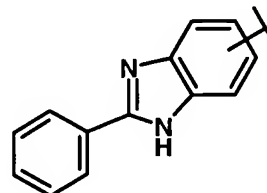
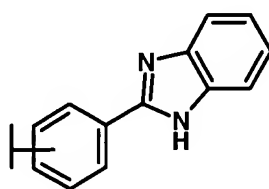
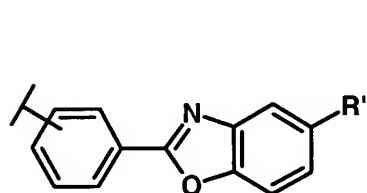
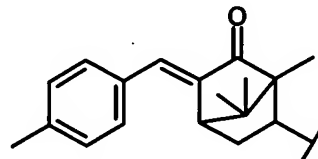
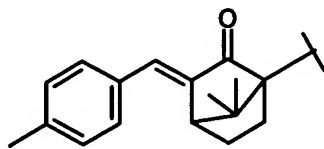
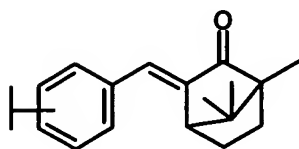
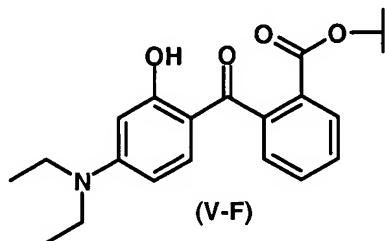
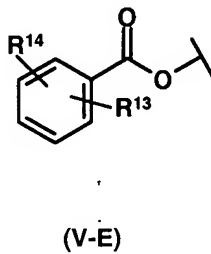
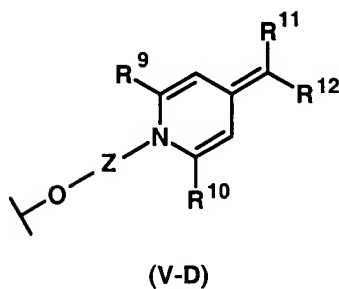
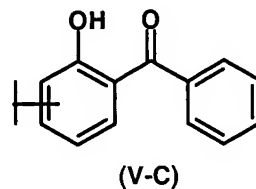
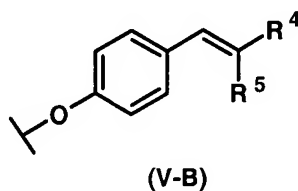
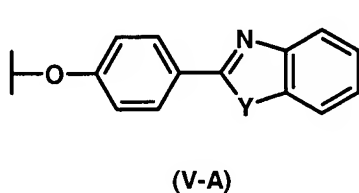


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-12. (canceled)

13. (new) A cosmetic composition comprising a conjugate comprising a hyperbranched polymer covalently bonded to at least three UV absorbing chromophores having an UV absorption maximum $\lambda_{\max} \geq 270$ nm selected from the group consisting of the moieties represented by general formulae:



wherein

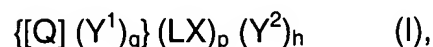
Y is O or NR³ wherein R³ is H, C₁-C₆-alkyl or C₂-C₆-alkenyl;
R⁴ and R⁵ are independently H, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, CO₂H, CO₂-C₁-C₆-alkyl, or R⁴ and R⁵ together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a 6-camphenyl ring;
R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently H or C₁-C₆-alkyl;
R¹¹ and R¹² are independently H, C₁-C₆-alkyl, NO₂, CO₂-C₁-C₆-alkyl or CN;
Z is C₁-C₆-alkylene, optionally interrupted by 1 to 3 oxygen atoms;
R¹³ and R¹⁴ are independently H, OR¹⁵, NR¹⁶R¹⁷ or C₁-C₆-alkyl; and
R¹⁵, R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ are independently selected from H and C₁-C₆-alkyl; and
wherein R' is H, OH, straight or branched chain C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₁-C₂₀-alkoxy or C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl;
and wherein in the above definition the symbol " $\text{—}\text{—}\text{—}$ " denotes the linkage to the hyperbranched polymer;
or a moiety of benzophenone-3, benzophenone-4,2,2',4,4'-tetrahydroxy-benzophenone and 2,2'-dihydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxybenzophenone;
and a cosmetically acceptable carrier.

14. (new) Compositions according to claim 13, characterized in that the hyperbranched polymer exhibits an average degree of branching $\geq 25\%$.

15. (new) Compositions according to claim 13, characterized in that the hyperbranched polymer has an average molecular weight M_w within the range of from 500 to 50,000 g mol⁻¹.

16. (new) Compositions according to claim 13, characterized in that the hyperbranched polymer comprises an average number of 2 to 600 dendritic building blocks.

17. (new) Compositions according to claim 13, characterized in that the hyperbranched polymer comprises a structure represented by general formula (I)



wherein

Y^1 and Y^2 independently represent UV absorbing chromophores;

$\{[Q] (Y^1)_g\}$ represents the hyperbranched polymer covalently bonded to g UV absorbing chromophores Y^1 ;

$(LX)_p$ represents p linker units LX , wherein independently the distal end of each linker unit LX bears a functional group X either being

- covalently bonded to an UV absorbing chromophore Y^2 , or
- covalently bonded to a capping group, or
- in its free reactive form,

and wherein the proximal end of each linker unit LX is covalently bonded to the hyperbranched polymer; and

wherein

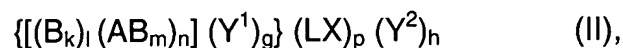
index g is an integer, wherein $0 \leq g \leq 100$;

index h is an integer, wherein $0 \leq h \leq p$; and

index p is an integer, wherein $0 \leq p \leq 100$;

with the proviso that $g + h \geq 3$.

18. (new) Compositions according to claim 17, characterized in that the hyperbranched polymer comprises a structure represented by general formula (II)



wherein

Y^1 and Y^2 are defined as in claim 5;

LX is defined as in claim 5;

B_k represents a starter unit bearing k functional groups B , wherein independently each functional group B is

- covalently bonded to a functional group A of a building block AB_m , or
- covalently bonded to the proximal end of a linker unit LX , or

- covalently bonded to an UV absorbing chromophore Y^1 , or
- covalently bonded to a capping group, or
- in its free reactive form;

$(AB_m)_n$ represents n building blocks AB_m , each bearing a functional group A and m independent functional groups B, wherein independently each functional group A is

- covalently bonded to a functional group B
 - of a further building block AB_m or
 - of the starter unit B_k , or
- covalently bonded to a capping group, or
- in its free reactive form,

and wherein independently each functional group B is

- covalently bonded to a functional group A of a further building block AB_m , or
- covalently bonded to the proximal end of a linker unit LX, or
- covalently bonded to an UV absorbing chromophore Y^1 , or
- covalently bonded to a capping group, or
- in its free reactive form;

wherein

index g is defined as in claim 5;

index h is defined as in claim 5;

index k is an integer of from 1 to 6;

index l is 0 or 1;

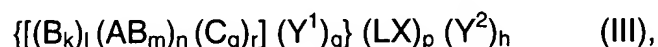
index m is an integer of from 2 to 4;

index n is an integer of from 3 to 100; and

index p is an integer wherein $0 \leq p \leq n(m-1)+k$.

19. (new) Compositions according to claim 18, characterized in that in the hyperbranched polymer index l is 1, the starting unit B_k is trimethylolpropane and the building block AB_m is glycidol.

20. (new) Compositions according to claim 17, characterized in that the hyperbranched polymer comprises a structure represented by general formula (III)



wherein

Y^1 and Y^2 are defined as in claim 5;

LX is defined as in claim 5;

B_k represents a starter unit bearing k functional groups B, wherein independently each functional group B is

- covalently bonded to a functional group C
 - of a monomer C_2 or
 - of a building block C_q or
- covalently bonded to the proximal end of a linker unit LX , or
- covalently bonded to an UV absorbing chromophore Y^1 , or
- covalently bonded to a capping group, or
- in its free reactive form;

$(AB_m)_n$ represents n building blocks AB_m , each bearing a functional group A and m independent functional groups B, wherein independently each functional group A is

- covalently bonded to a functional group C
 - of a monomer C_2 or
 - of a building block C_q , or
- covalently bonded to the proximal end of a linker unit LX , or
- covalently bonded to an UV absorbing chromophore Y^1 , or
- covalently bonded to a capping group, or
- in its free reactive form;

and wherein independently each functional group B is

- covalently bonded to a functional group C
 - of a monomer C_2 or

- of a building block C_q , or
- covalently bonded to the proximal end of a linker unit LX, or
- covalently bonded to an UV absorbing chromophore Y^1 , or
- covalently bonded to a capping group, or
- in its free reactive form;

$(C_q)_r$ represents

- when index $q = 2$: r monomers C_2 or
- when index $q > 2$: r building blocks C_q
each bearing q functional groups C, wherein independently each functional group C is
 - covalently bonded to a functional group A of a building block AB_m , or
 - covalently bonded to a functional group B
 - of a building block AB_m or
 - of the starter unit B_k , or
 - covalently bonded to the proximal end of a linker unit LX, or
 - covalently bonded to an UV absorbing chromophore Y^1 , or
 - covalently bonded to a capping group, or
 - in its free reactive form;

wherein

index g is defined as in claim 5;

index h is defined as in claim 5;

index k is an integer of from 1 to 6;

index l is 0 or 1;

index m is an integer of from 2 to 4;

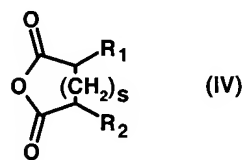
index n is an integer of from 3 to 100;

index p is an integer wherein $0 \leq p \leq n(m-1) + r(q-1) + k$;

index q is an integer of from 2 to 4; and

index r is an integer wherein $1 \leq r \leq nm/q$.

21. (new) Compositions according to claim 20, characterized in the hyperbranched polymer index l is 0, index q is 2, building block AB_m is diisopropanolamine and monomer C₂ is a compound represented by general formula (IV)



wherein

index s is 0, 1 or 2;

R¹ and R² are independently H, linear or branched C₁-C₁₈-alkyl or C₂-C₁₈-alkenyl,
or

R¹ and R² together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a 4 to 7 membered aliphatic or aromatic ring.

22. (new) The composition according to claim 17, characterized in that in the hyperbranched polymer the linker unit LX comprises polyethyleneoxide or polypropyleneoxide.

23. (new) Compositions according to claim 17, characterized in that the hyperbranched polymer comprises 1 to 20 capping groups.

24. (new) Compositions according to claim 23, characterized in that the capping group is a straight or branched chain ether or ester group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms.